

**MERCER COUNTY L.E.P.C.
MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

Members/Guests Present:

Dick Weinzierl, Cameron Ameron Int'l, Retired
Scott Kachurik, MEI
Debbie Hartley, DPS
Frank Jannetti, Dir. DPS
John Nicklin, Dep Dir EMA
Trey Coates, Interstate Chemical
Geoffrey Domowicz, American Red Cross
Travis Walsh, Barber's Chemicals
Justin Rodgers, PA DEP
Jessica Micco, Greenville Water Authority
Nathan McCutcheon, McCutcheon Enterprise, Inc.
Andrew Sepos, PA DEP
Dustin Wyant, PA DEP
Scott Catalano, DHS CISA
Jeremy McMurry, DHS CISA
Terra Shaffer, 9-1-1 Dep. Director
Bill Finley, Commissioner
Ann Coleman, Commissioner Chair

WELCOME: Members welcomed by John Nicklin, Chairman.

September 2024 Minutes:

Accepted as presented.

Moved by: Dick Weinzierl

2nd by: Geoffrey Domowicz

All in favor

TIER II INVOICES: 2023 RY - The final outstanding invoice is paid. The 2024 RY is beginning. The Treasurer has offered an online payment option this year. We have to work out some IT issues and test it. But it should make payment of invoices easier for the facilities.

OFF-SITE RESPONSE PLANS: 41 total plans. All are up to date. 1 new plan for Joshen Wheatland has been received from JH Consulting. Salem Tube required an update, they added hydrofluoric acid.

INCIDENT REVIEW:

Gas leak Arrow Electric

Two incidents on I-80 - 5 mm and 14 mm.

Lackawannock Twp – Reiber Rd. - Well Fire

REGION 13 REPORT: Fire & Hazmat Com. – Chairman remains Director Stutzman, Law Enforcement Com. – Frank Jannetti, Chairman. LE Committee oversees SWAT and K-9. John Nicklin remains Chairman of the Communications Committee.

Fire & Hazmat Committee continues to work on foam disposal with McCutcheon Enterprise. They plan to collect it into bulk containers and ship as waste.

The ‘Region’ consists of 14 counties and the City of Pittsburgh. Venango County is now a member.

Open meetings are on the 3rd Thursday in January, April and July at 10 am, at the Allegheny County EOC.

There are talks that the northwestern counties may also join the region, to regionalize certain programs but maintain their teams.

TRAINING: Hazmat class will start to be scheduled in January and February. The BC3 Training partnership has been renewed. That allows us to have up to 500 hours of training. They provide the instructor, the materials and certificates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nathan McCutcheon announced the retainer cost for 2026 will increase. He contributed the necessity for the increase to increased regulation and training requirements. Scott Kachurik is no longer with McCutcheon’s.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: Nominations opened. John Nicklin was nominated for Chairman. Richard Weinzierl was nominated Vice Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, John Nicklin and Richard Weinzierl accepted the nominations, respectively. The committee voted and elected John Nicklin, Chairman and Richard Weinzierl, Vice-Chairman.

Moved by: Trey Coates
2nd by: Nathan McCutcheon
All in Favor

Motion to approve the payment of 2025 invoices not to exceed \$4,000.00 per invoice.

**Moved by: Trey Coates
2nd by: Richard Weinzierl
All in Favor**

Motion to recommend the current membership roster to the Commissioners for appointment for 2025.

**Moved by: Richard Weinzierl
2nd by: Dustin Wyant
All in favor**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Frank Jannetti shared Pittsburgh will be hosting the Maccabiah Games, sometimes referred to as the “Jewish Olympics,” on October 25, 2025. The region will be helping with the event.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

**Moved By: Dick Weinzierl
2nd By: Trey Coates
All in favor.**